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A meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 8:00 PM in room 213 of the Darien Town Hall.

Members Present: Brown, Gadsden, Macdonald, Lawrence, Hughes, Castell
Staff Present: Keating

1. ARB # 45-2010

Gillen Bryan, 21 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone proposal for vent and sign installation.

Charles Thomas and Gillen Bryan presented the proposed vent installation for a new juice café. The 16" by 16" vent will be wrapped in barn red brick veneer and will extend 30 to 40 inches above the roof line which is lower than existing cupola. It was suggested to paint the rear 3' 9" fence white. The 6' by 1' sign on fascia over front door will be carved in off white PVC with deep red lettering and a brown border to match the shutters using the same dimension as the fascia to which is attached. No other signs were proposed. It was suggested to paint the front door brown to match existing brown and suggested that there should not be any front window signs. The proposals were approved as submitted.

2. ARB # 43-2010

Jos. A. Bank, 1077 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone

Dwight Collins presented signage and three options for the entrance to Jos. A. Bank: The flat front, the box and the arched. The board voted for the flat front entrance option with one opposed and one abstention. A suggestion was made to have two planters flanking the front door in the Flat Option.

The large Darien Playhouse sign above the marquis should be removed. The concept and location of the monument sign design showing the movies was supported, and waits final approval. It was agreed that 3 signs on the marquis were excessive. If approved by the ZBA and PZC, it was decided to have two signs on either side of the marquis with the front blank, and remove the Jos. Bank sign from the green awning.

3. Amendment of ARB #22-2008

Darien YMCA, 2420 Boston Post Road R- 1/3 Zone

Christopher McCagg, principal of James G. Rogers, Architects presented new elevations for the YMCA with a brick base, clapboard hardiplank, azak trim with Leed Certification. There will be no light pollution. The board approved the elevations.

4. ARB #44-2010

Swizzles of Darien, 1029 Boston Post Road CBD Zone

Christian Calemme presented an acrylic hot pink, pin letter sign reading Swizzles, Frozen Yoghurt on the front fascia to replace the former sign. It was suggested to run the sign on one line instead of two to take away the crowded look. The area of the revised sign must comply with the Regulations. There will be aluminum down light can over the front door with the number of the Post Road with a frameless glass door. Approved as submitted.

5. ARB # 48 – 2010

Kennedy's All -American Barber Shop

Brian Reeves proposed an acrylic burgundy 10" lettered sign over the front door. The glass side door will have removable vinyl letters indicating that Kennedy's is coming soon. The two signs were approved as submitted.

6. ARB #46-2010

Christopher & Margaret Stefanoni, 16 unit residential building for seniors 57 Hoyt Street, R 1/3 Zone.

Margaret Stefanoni presented the plans because the architect with his material samples was not able to attend. The building will be in taupe/gray wood clapboard with fiberglass gray/white trim, and dark gray wood shutters. Railings are white. The entrance will have recessed ceiling lighting, and it was suggested to add some decorative lighting fixtures, and try to relieve the large blank area (interior stairs) on the north elevation. There were questions as to whether the size of the windows in the elevators could be a little larger. More specifics regarding the color samples, materials, lighting, windows, etc. are needed to be presented. The matter will be discussed in December.

7. ARB # 47 -2010

Christopher & Margaret Stefanoni, 30 unit residential building for seniors on 4 Pheasant Run/ Tokeneke Road, R-1 Zone.

Margaret Stefanoni presented these plans, again without any material examples because the architect was not present. The exterior will be enclosed in synthetic stucco and cultured stone with fiberglass shingles on the roof. The suggestion was made to have the highly visible elevation on Tokeneke Road be redesigned to look like an entrance as it presently gives the appearance of a rear door. It was suggested that the long elevation on Pheasant Run should be broken up to create more diversity of appearance (color, textures or different materials) to give it a residential scale. More specifics regarding the color samples, materials, lighting, windows, etc. are needed to be presented. The matter will be discussed in December.

8. The minutes of September 21, and October 19, 2010 were approved.

9. The proposed meeting schedule for 2011 was revised slightly and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Castell